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1 A former senior U.S. law enforcement figure said she warned President Donald Trump's White House in January about then-national security adviser Michael Flynn because she feared he could have been open to blackmail by Russia. Sally Yates, who was briefly the acting U.S. attorney general earlier this year, told White House counsel Don McGahn on Jan. 26 that Flynn had not been telling the truth about his contacts with Russia's ambassador to Washington. Yates, originally appointed by former President Barack Obama's administration, said she feared Moscow could try to blackmail Flynn because it also knew he was not being truthful about conversations with Ambassador Sergei Kislyak about U.S. sanctions on Moscow. REUTERS

BANKS TO MOVE 9K JOBS FROM UK DUE TO BREXIT

2 The largest banks in London plan to move about 9,000 jobs in the next two years, public statements and information shows, as the exodus of finance jobs starts to take shape. Last week Standard Chartered and JPMorgan were the latest global banks to outline plans for their European operations after Brexit. They are among a growing number of lenders pushing ahead with plans to move operations from London. Goldman Sachs chief executive Lloyd Blankfein said in an interview that London's growth as a financial center could "stall" as a result of the upheaval caused by Brexit. Thirteen major banks including Goldman Sachs, UBS, and Citigroup have given an indication of how they would bulk up their operations in Europe to secure market access to the European Union's single market when Britain leaves the bloc. REUTERS

SOUTH KOREANS VOTE FOR NEW LEADER

3 South Koreans go to the polls on Tuesday to elect a new leader, looking to move on from a corruption scandal that brought down former President Park Geun-hye and shook the political and business elite to the core. Unless there is a major upset, liberal Moon Jae-in — who calls for a moderate approach on North Korea, wants to reform powerful family-run conglomerates and boost fiscal spending to create jobs — will be elected president. The vote will end months of leadership vacuum. Park was ousted on charges of bribery and abuse of power in March to become South Korea's first democratically elected president to be forced from office. She is in jail, on trial. REUTERS

BANKSY BREXIT

4 A recently painted mural by British graffiti artist Banksy, depicting a workman chipping away at one of the stars on a European Union (EU) themed flag, is pictured in Dover, south east England, on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FCC WEBSITE HIT BY ATTACKS PROPOSAL

5 The U.S. Federal Communications Commission said Monday that its website was hit by deliberate denial of service attacks after the telecommunications regulator was criticized by comedian John Oliver for its plan to reverse "net neutrality" rules. The attacks came soon after Oliver on Sunday urged viewers to file electronic comments with the FCC opposing the plan unveiled by FCC Chairman Ajit Pai to reverse rules implemented under President Barack Obama that boosted government regulatory powers over internet service providers. Pai's plan faces an initial vote on May 18. Oliver in his HBO show "Last Week Tonight," owned by Time Warner Inc., urged viewers to use a website purchased by the show that takes visitors directly to an FCC page to file comments. REUTERS

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"The President is Missing" was trending on Twitter, but it wasn't a "snowflake's" dream-come-true, as one tweeter suggested. Former President Bill Clinton is co-authoring a new book with the king of thrillers, James Patterson, drawing on his experiences as commander in chief. Find out more at **metro.us/news/politics.**

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Why fidget spinners have gone viral

Why a therapeutic playground toy is all over YouTube — and it's coming for you.

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Jacob Matos plays with his Fidget Spinner. PROVIDED

There's no accounting for what makes something go viral. Talking dogs, a natural. The flip-cup craze, random but understandable. "That hot new ADHD toy" — slightly out of left field.

But that is where we're living now, and if YouTube has anything to say about it (or everything to say about it), fidget spinners are the hot new way to make yourself feel better while potentially driving those around you crazy.

What is a fidget spinner?

A fidget spinner is a palm-size plastic disc with arms, which is held between the thumb and forefinger and rotates like a ceiling fan once flicked. The spinners were created to help children with ADHD, OCD or anxiety achieve focus and calm. Basically, the disc does the fidgeting, so they don't have to. "For some people [with ADHD], there's a need for constant stimulation," Elaine Taylor-Klaus of ImpactADHD told CNN. "What a fidget allows some people with ADHD to do is to focus their attention on what they want to focus on, because there's sort of a background motion that's occupying that need."

But some unforeseen side effects cropped up: The colorful toys lend themselves to collecting and customizing — countless shapes and fabrications are available, some costing up to $10,000 — and can be used in complicated tricks, like skateboarding for your thumbs. YouTube is flooded with videos showing off such techniques.

Thus they're blowing off the shelves of toy stores, like the Tamagochis and Rubik's Cubes of generations yore. They're so omnipresent that some schools have banned them. Richard Gottlieb, founder of the consultancy Global Toy Experts, says they're so popular because they give today's overscheduled kids a way to blow off steam.

Is the fidget spinner toy a stress reducer?

If you're the rare adult who needs your arm twisted to indulge in toy fads, know that adults can find benefits in these things. Having an outlet for your nervous energy can help you feel more present in the moment and more focused at work. And they can relieve generalized stress and anxiety. "People in general are pretty stressed out right now by Brexit, the various elections, Donald Trump, Syria, North Korea, you name it," said Gottlieb. "So, it is a good time to be selling something that allows an individual to fidget off some stress — particularly at a time when smoking is looked down on."

Fidget spinners: Fun fad or dangerous distraction?

A woman holds a fidget spinner. GETTY IMAGES

They say fidget spinners help people concentrate. But as the toys proliferate among youths, throughout the subways of New York City and into the corridors of schools, some educators say they're becoming a problem.

"I hate these things," said one area high school teacher who asked not to be identified. "They are counterproductive, as they are supposed to improve concentration, but instead, [they] lead to students fighting over them, veering the students off-task and even distracting the teacher."

Given all the distractions, the teacher said a ban would be appropriate.

"I'm standing up there speaking, and I see these things whirring around," the teacher said. "I have gone so far as to ban them from my lessons. I understand that students aren't going to throw them away, but I want them stored during my class time. The only positive thing about them is that they keep the students off their phones."

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Just like other epic toy trends before them — from Pogs and Pokemon cards to Tamagotchis – as fidget spinners grow in popularity, they're also planting seeds of conflict.

Fancier and fancier versions of the toy are coming out, with kids more focused on their so-called "concentration" toys rather than on their classes, teachers across the country say. MS 442 in Carroll Gardens has banned the toys as have other schools in New York, Connecticut and Indiana.

They're being confiscated from students in Florida by school administrators who said one model was a "potential weapon" because it had "three sharp points and was more like a Chinese star."

LemonLimeAdventures, a blog run by a former teacher, recently wrote about why the toys should be banned from every classroom in America. She wrote that there is "no real evidence" the gadgets, intended to help kids who fidget or have ADHD, actually do anything.

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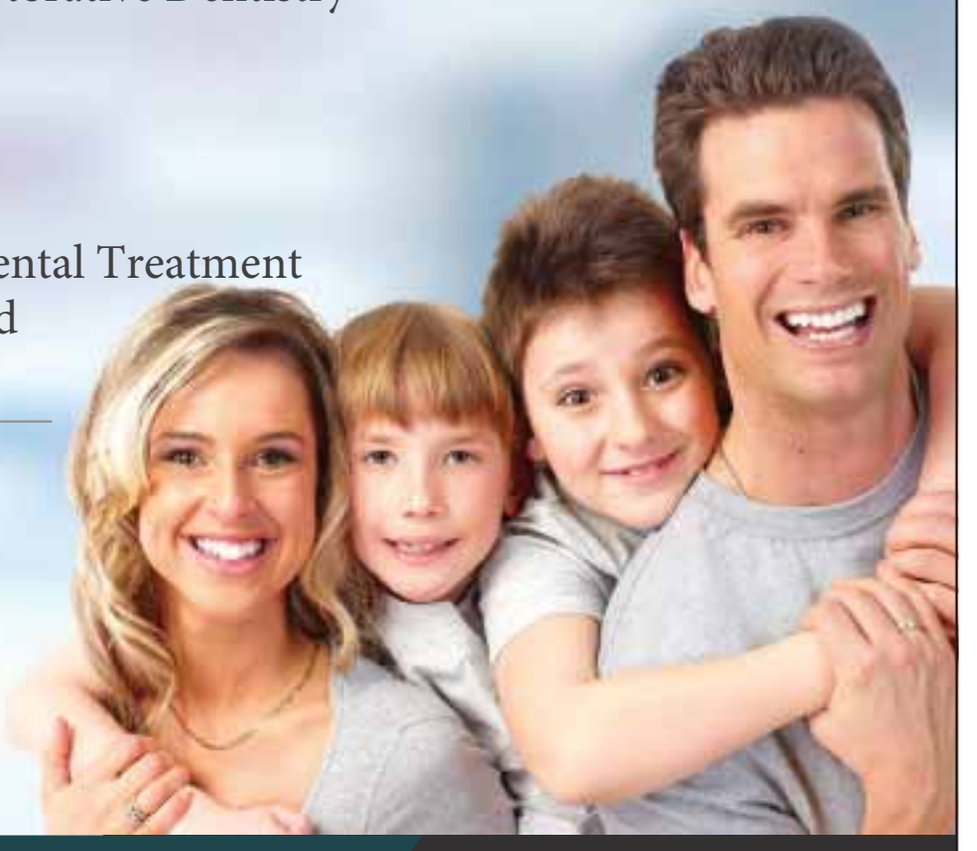

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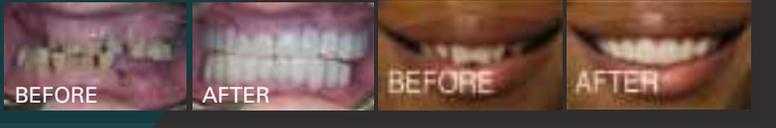

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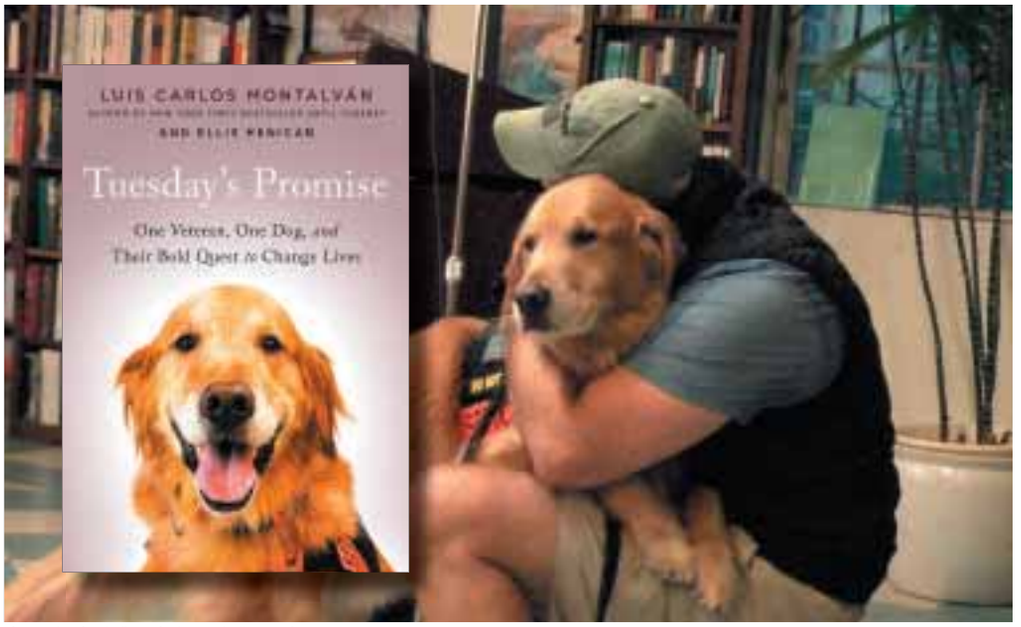

The service dog in "Tuesday's Promise" gets a hug. **PROVIDED**

Vet's dog was only solace after war

A new book details the powerful relationship between a U.S. veteran returned from Iraq and his dog.

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Metro columnist and political commentator Ellis Henican's new book, "Tuesday's Promise: One Veteran, One Dog, and Their Bold Quest to Change Lives" tells the story of an Iraq War veteran, Capt. Luis Carlos Montalván, who coped with PTSD through the aid of a golden retriever named Tuesday. For eight years, the pair traveled the country advocating for veterans and others with disabilities. Continuing to struggle with demons, in 2016, Montalván took his own life. But Tuesday continues to work as a therapy dog. Read below to learn more about Montalván and Tuesday's story.

"The toughest wounds of war," Luis Carlos Montalván liked to remind me, "are the ones that no one else can see."

Luis was a friend. We spent much of last year together writing a book. A captain in the U.S. Army who earned two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, he knew plenty about the human costs of war. When he returned home, he had a terrible time adjusting. This combat veteran was so paralyzed with fear and anxiety, he could barely leave his small Brooklyn apartment.

Then Luis met Tuesday, a golden retriever with a thick, blond coat and a cheerful disposition — and things brightened considerably. Not only could Tuesday respond to 200 verbal commands, he knew instinctively when Luis was about to have a meltdown. With warm breath and a wet nose, Tuesday would quickly nuzzle his friend.

What a team these two made, heading off on an eight-year journey of healing. Advocating for veterans and others with disabilities. Agitating with military commanders and clueless VA bureaucrats. They even teamed up with U.S. Sen. Al Franken to pass a law guaranteeing veterinary care for veterans' service dogs.

"Paws forward," Luis would say, and the two of them would march out on another campaign. A traumatized Marine was being threatened with a dishonorable discharge. A distraught mother had just emailed.

Everywhere they went, Luis and Tuesday highlighted the talents of these well-trained animals. Man and dog, they won fans and became recognized as two of America's most effective advocates for returning vets.

"You understand," Luis confided more than once, "this mission is also my way of healing myself."

He and Tuesday even appeared on the "Late Show with David Letterman," where Dave fell in love with Tuesday. "What do you expect?" Luis said. "Tuesday's a whole lot cuter than I am."

Luis knew they had a message to share with the world, how a dog had pulled a man back from the darkness, how service dogs could be hugely helpful to others in need. I loved the story. I helped him write the book. I am proud of what we did. The new book hits stores today. It is called "Tuesday's Promise: One Veteran, One Dog, and Their Bold Quest to Change Lives." It's a love letter to Tuesday and a clarion call on behalf of America's wounded warriors.

Sadly, Luis isn't here to celebrate with his friend.

On Dec. 2, the invisible wounds of Luis' war slapped tragically back at him. This man who had improved so many lives decided to end his own. He went into a hotel room in Texas and swallowed a handful of pills. No one saw this coming.

Uncharacteristically, he had left Tuesday with friends in New York. I still wonder: Would he have done what he did if Tuesday had been with him?

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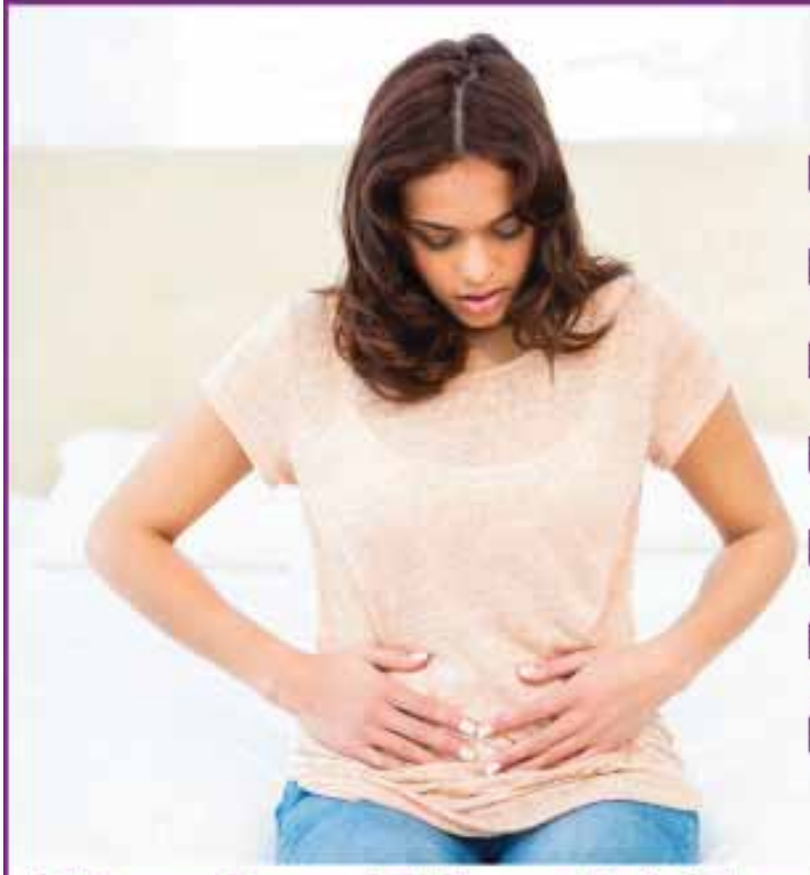

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New York City strip club tries to dodge taxes by claiming strippers are like therapists

The New York state tax authority did not appreciate their legal acrobatics.

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Points for creativity: A midtown strip club was denied $3 million in tax relief after claiming that its exotic dancers were the equivalents of masseuses or sex therapists, and thus not subject to taxes. The Daily News reported that the Penthouse Executive Club made that argument to a New York state tax appeals tribunal and was rebuffed last month.

At issue was the club's sale of "executive dollars," which is essentially play money that's sold on the premises. Customers use it to buy dances or tip hosts. The dancers and club employees then exchange it for real cash at the end of the night.

After auditing the club in 2010 and 2011, the New York Department of Taxation and Finance determined that the club had to pay $3.1 million in taxes on the sale of $28.4 million in executive dollars, ruling that they were basically the same as admission tickets to an amusement park.

Although in this case customers handed over tickets to be ridden, instead of to ride anything — that likely would've been a distinction that didn't make a difference to the tax tribunal. In an April 19 decision, they shot down Penthouse's argument "that what is provided in its clubs is not entertainment, but rather a nontaxable service similar to a therapeutic massage conducted in a sensual manner or personal services provided by a sex therapist."

The tribunal claimed the club hadn't provided evidence to back that up (although it was not reported what kind of evidence would have qualified).

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individual sellers. Exotic dancers, the club argued, are independent contractors. The government didn't buy that either, and the bill for $3.1 million was reaffirmed.

Penthouse Executive Club, like everything that doesn't involve a computer, a credit card and the privacy of your own home, has fallen on hard times of late: The club has been sued by the parent company of Penthouse for falling behind on its licensing payments to the tune of almost $200,000. And in a different lawsuit in 2016, the club owner wrote in a court filing that the club's revenue had fallen steeply in the past few years.

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Judge: Accused NY, NJ bomber to be tried in New York

Lawyers for Rahimi, a U.S. citizen, had proposed Vermont and Washington, D.C. as alternatives.

An Afghan-born man charged with setting off bombs in New York and New Jersey will be tried in New York after a federal judge rejected his lawyers' argument that he could not get a fair trial in the city where he is accused of injuring 30 people.

At a hearing in Manhattan federal court on Monday, U.S. District Judge Richard Berman denied a motion to move the case against Ahmad Rahimi to another federal court, saying an impartial jury could be assembled in "one of the largest and most diverse districts in the country."

Rahimi, 29, is facing federal and state charges in New York and New Jersey after authorities said he detonated bombs in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan and in the coastal New Jersey town of Seaside Heights last September.

The bomb in New York injured 30 people but the explosion in New Jersey hurt no one.

According to prosecutors, Rahimi also left behind unexploded bombs in New York and in Elizabeth, New Jersey, before he was captured in Linden, New Jersey, following a shootout with police in which two officers suffered minor injuries.

In their motion to transfer the case, Rahimi's lawyers argued that media coverage of the case would make it impossible to assemble an impartial jury. But Berman said Monday that robust questioning of potential jurors would be enough to ensure fairness.

Berman also noted that other high-profile cases had been tried in the Manhattan court before, including those of Mohammed Salameh and Ramzi Yousef, convicted of helping plan the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. REUTERS

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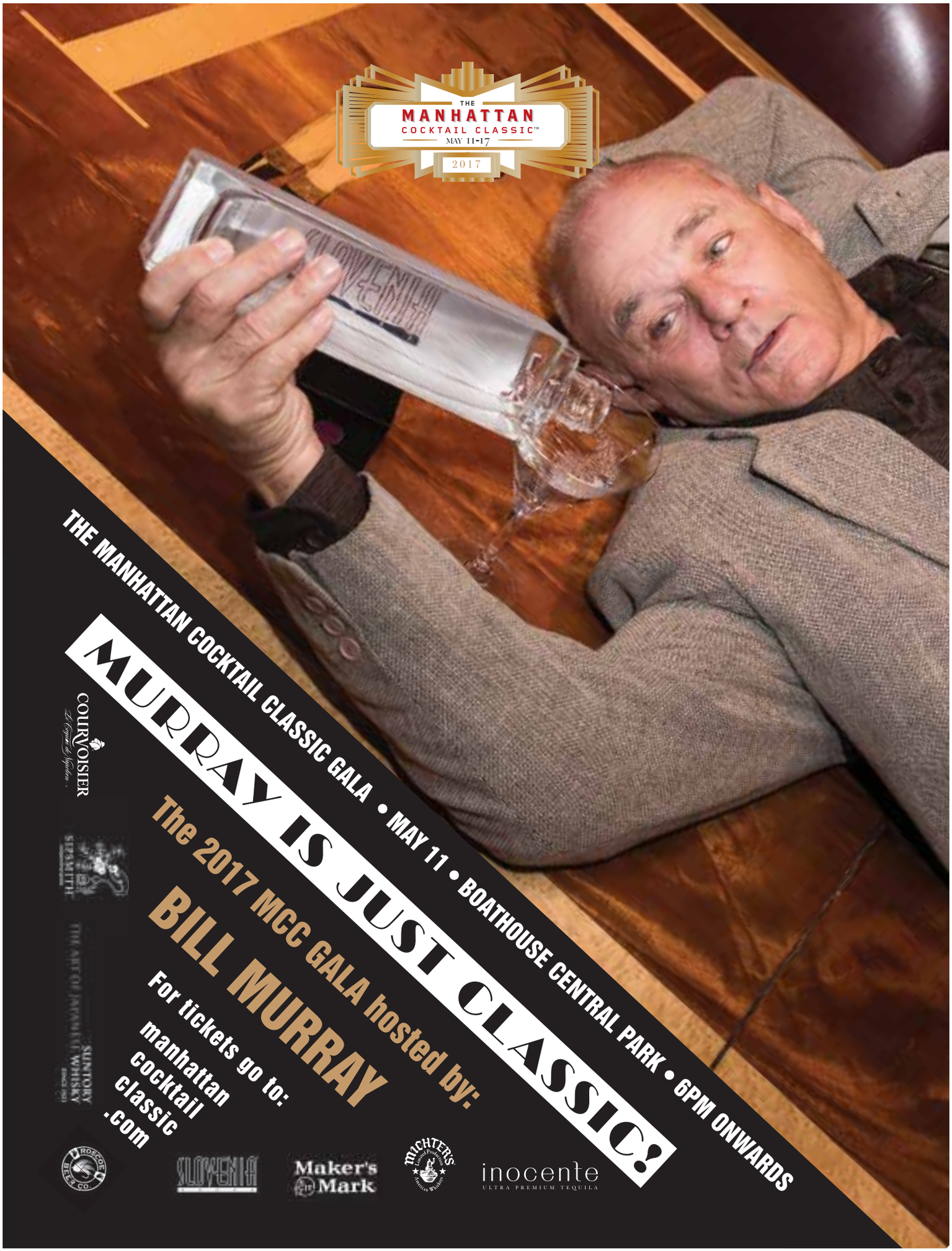
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Owners of dead giant rabbit on United flight seek damages, probe

P The owners of a giant rabbit named Simon who was found dead after a United Airlines flight demanded on Monday that the airline pay damages, order an outside investigation and re-evaluate how it handles animals on flights.

Attorneys for Simon's owners, who purchased him in hopes of winning the title of world's largest rabbit at the Iowa State Fair this summer, said they would take legal action if United failed to respond within seven days.

The lawyers say it is possible the 3-foot-long hare died after being placed in a freezer for 16 hours upon landing in Chicago on a flight from London. They say the airline then destroyed his remains without permission.

"United Airlines can issue any statement they like but their company's credibility is under question when they immediately cremate the giant rabbit Simon without anyone's consent," said Guy Cook, lead attorney for the three-person investment group that owned the rabbit. "They destroyed the proof."

United Airlines spokesman Charles Hobart denied Simon died in a freezer. He said in a written statement the company was reviewing a letter outlining the claims, was saddened by Simon's death and takes its responsibilities for transporting pets seriously. The statement did not say how much the owners were seeking in damages.

Hobart said the hare arrived in Chicago in apparent good condition and was seen moving around his kennel some 35 minutes later.

"Shortly thereafter, a kennel representative noticed Simon was motionless and that he had passed away," Hobart said. He did not address the cremation allegations. REUTERS

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Judges hit Trump lawyer with tough questions over revised travel ban

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Federal appeals court judges peppered a U.S. Justice Department lawyer with tough questions about President Donald Trump's temporary ban on travelers from six Muslim-majority nations, with several voicing skepticism that protecting national security was the aim of the policy, not religious bias.

Six Democratic appointees on a court dominated by judges named by Democratic presidents showed concerns about reviving the Republican president's March executive order that prohibited new visas to enter the United States for citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen for three months.

But three Republican appointees on the Richmond, Virginia-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seemed to lean toward the administration, asking whether the president should be second-guessed when it comes to protecting the country's borders and whether the plaintiffs bringing the suit had been sufficiently harmed by the order during arguments before 13 judges.

Based on the judges' questions, a ruling could hinge on whether the appeals court agrees with a lower court judge that past statements by Trump about the need to prevent Muslims from entering the United States should be taken into account. That would be bad news for a young administration seeking victory on one of its first policy changes.

"This is not a Muslim ban," Acting Solicitor General Jeffrey Wall, arguing for the government, told the judges during the hearing that lasted two hours, twice as long as scheduled.

Judge Robert King, named by Democratic former President Bill Clinton, told Wall that Trump has never retracted previous comments about wanting to impose a ban on Muslims.

"He's never repudiated what he said about the Muslim ban," King said, referring to Trump's campaign promise for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States." REUTERS

"He's never repudiated what he said about the Muslim ban ... total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States."

King said, referring to Trump's campaign promise

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Suspect in South Boston killings ordered held at Monday arraignment

Bampumim Teixeira heard his charges from a hospital bed.

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The suspect in the slaying of two doctors in their South Boston home has been charged with two counts of murder, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

Bampumim Teixeira, a 30-year-old Chelsea man, was ordered held without bail Monday pending his trial for the killing of Lina Bolanos and Richard Field. His next court date is June 8.

Teixeira was arraigned while in a hospital bed at Tufts Medical Center on Monday afternoon by South Boston Municipal Court Judge Michael Bolden and Suffolk Chief Trial Counsel John Pappas, District Attorney Daniel F. Conley's office said.

He is at the hospital due to injuries stemming from the confrontation he had with Boston police at the doctors' home, 141 Dorchester Ave., Friday night.

Police found a backpack filled with jewelry at the apartment that is presumed to belong to Bolanos, Conley confirmed in a press conference Monday.

Police and SWAT responded to the 11th-floor apartment around 8:30 p.m. Friday night, where the couple was found dead. A friend of Field contacted police to report a possibly robbery in the couple's home after Field sent a cryptic text message, according to Conley.

Police found an intruder, later determined to be Teixeira, in a darkened hallway and shot Teixeira, believing him to be armed, Conley said. Earlier media reports inaccurately reported Teixeira first opened fire on police.

"Officers believed this intruder either pointed or drew a weapon on them in this darkened hallway," Conley said. "After speaking with [Police] Commissioner William Evans, we decided it was important to correct the record on this information as soon as possible."

Judge Michael Bolden arraigns Teixeira in his hospital bed at Tufts Medical Center in Boston on Monday. DAVID L. RYAN/THE BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Conley said the investigation is ongoing and nothing is being inferred from this information about the altercation with police.

Teixeira's record includes a pair of larceny convictions, according to the DA's office. In August 2014, Teixeira passed a note to a teller at a Boston bank demanding money. Two years later, in June 2016, Teixeira committed the same crime at the same location. After he was identified for that incident, he volunteered responsibility for the 2014 crime to officials.

Teixeira was recently released from prison after serving nine months for that crime.

Three days into the investigation, Conley said police had uncovered no information that connects Teixeira to Field or Bolanos. Police are also investigating a motive for the crime.

"Nor is there currently any evidence to explain why he would attack them so viciously at their own home," Conley said.

Field worked at North Shore Pain Management. On its website, a statement from North Shore Pain Management addresses the "tragic loss of Richard Field."

Bolanos was a pediatric anesthesiologist at Massachusetts Eye and Ear and taught at Harvard Medical School.

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Meghan Markle got a full invite to Pippa Middleton's wedding

I'm really getting into the whole Prince Harry and Meghan Markle thing.

After weeks of confusion over whether or not the "Suits" actress would attend Pippa Middleton's wedding, The Telegraph and Express are now reporting that Markle will be attending the full wedding as Prince Harry's date. Squee!

First, there were rumors that Markle wouldn't be invited to Pippa's wedding ceremony at all. Later, a source told People that Middleton was imposing a no-ring, no-bring rule for the formal vow exchange. Now, Pippa and her soon to be husband, James Matthews, are making an exception for Markle, who isn't engaged to Harry. Well, not yet.

Prince Harry, 32, and Markle, 35, made their debut as a couple over the weekend. Afterward, they were caught making out. Royals, they're just like us!

And in March, a friend of the couple told Us Weekly that the two would be engaged by the end of the summer. "Meghan feels a move to London is inevitable," says the source. I'll take that with a grain of salt — but I'll take it, because I want these two to be together forever so badly.

Chrissy Metz is not here for your body shaming

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Chrissy Metz, star of "This Is Us," went to the 2017 MTV Movie & TV Awards on Sunday. She wore a dark red, knee-length latex dress with ruffled sleeves. She looked quite chic.

Apparently, somebody somewhere didn't agree, though. Thankfully, Metz has perfect attendance at the Chrissy Teigen education center for clapping back, and has no problem dismissing any tomfoolery or negativity. Naturally, the 36-year-old actress took to Twitter to defend herself. "For the record, I wear what I want, when I want. News flash it's MY body. #thankstho."

This isn't the first time Metz has stood up for herself when it comes to her weight. But also? The fact is that she looked very good and that dress is fire emoji worthy.

So Bravo, Metz. Bravo.

Brad Pitt went to rehab, probably

Last week, Brad Pitt lowkey admitted to being a hipster, and told the world he was sober. Now Page Six has learned that Pitt didn't do it all alone: The 53-year-old reportedly attended a special VIP facility for professional help.

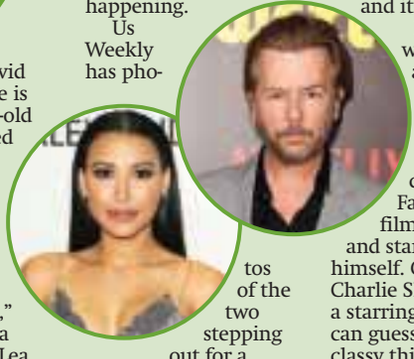
Sources — could be anyone at this point, but my guess is Cruella De Vil from "101 Dalmatians," just 'cause — tell the site that Pitt attended meetings and therapy sessions at a discreet facility in a private residence. The center,

designed for high-profile Hollywood figures, was set up by some wealthy anonymous person who suffered with substance abuse issues and wanted to help others in a similar position.

Well, it's certainly rude if someone from a private facility leaked this information. But it's great that Pitt is making moves to like, improve himself — even if it took Jolie divorcing him for him to get it together. Nevertheless, I am so proud of you, William Bradley Pitt. If you ever need a shoulder to cry on, be a dear and let me know.

David Spade & Naya Rivera are still happening

David Spade is a 52-year-old man most beloved for his role in "Just Shoot Me" — a television series that premiered 20 years ago. Naya Rivera is a 30-year-old who was in "Glee," and tried to start a feud with co-star Lea Michele, except Lea Michele couldn't be bothered. These two adults, who are proudly vying for the title of this year's second-most-unlikely couple, are still happening.



Us Weekly has photos of the two stepping out for a dinner date in West Hollywood over the weekend. Rivera is wearing Marchesa, because of course she is. Spade is trying his best in a blue suit and tie, and it looks fine.

For what it's worth: Rivera and Spade originally met on the set of an upcoming comedy, "Mad Families," a film written and starring Spade himself. Coincidence! Charlie Sheen also has a starring role, so you can guess just how classy this film will be.

That movie, much like this couple, is gonna be a hard pass for me.

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Superheroes who deserve their own films

The summer movie season is here, and with it the usual glut of comic book movies. The genre won't be going away anytime soon, but eventually Hollywood will need more superheroes. Here are 10 that deserve their own stand-alone romp — and not just as part of some jam-packed installment. MATT PRIGGE

Domino

She's going to swing by for the "Deadpool" sequel, but the X-Force member sounds awesome on her own. She's a mutant who can change the probability of events happening. OK, that doesn't sound exciting on its face, but when combined with her mercenary skills — and cool makeup, with a big black circle over her left eye — she's like another Black Widow.

Arm-Fall-Off-Boy

"The Lego Batman Movie" made a decent joke out of unearthing untold obscure, nonsensical yet totally real villains, like Condiment King, who pulverizes his prey with squirts of ketchup and mustard. But heroes can be ridic, too. Take Arm-Fall-Off-Boy, an '80s DC creation who can tear off his arms and then beat people with them. Granted, this might be more suitable for a comedy. (Imagine Dax Sheppard doing it.) But a guy who can beat people with his own limbs does sound pretty badass.

Swamp Thing

Technically, the DC plant-humanoid has already had two movies, one helmed by Wes Craven (and a campy sequel that became a cable movie staple back in the days when no one cared about comic book movies). But SW is a fascinating character, especially during Alan Moore's career-making run of the comics back in the early '80s, when he battled monsters from hell, went to space, hung out with Constantine and wrestled with existential dread.

Hawkeye

He's the Avenger no one cares about — the dude who can just shoot arrows real good. But give the guy a chance! And no matter how silly Jeremy Renner can seem in real life (check out his weirdo app) and no matter how many franchises he fails to usurp, he's a terrific actor who may one day find the right blockbuster to helm.

Question

Ayn Rand isn't as cool as she was about 10 years ago, and for that we can all thank the stars. But maybe the studios can do something with comics' most Randian semihero. Created by objectivism-lover Steve Ditko in the late '60s, Question was an investigative journalist-turned-crime fighter with a blank mask who saw things in stark black and white. He was basically a psychopath, but, you know, for good. No surprise that he was the inspiration for psycho Rorschach in Alan Moore's "Watchmen."

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Black Widow
Fans have been clamoring for years for a movie entirely about Scarlett Johansson's Russian-born ass-kicker — and regular movie-stealer — but so far to no avail. Maybe if MRA bros flock to "Wonder Woman" this summer, it'll actually happen. (Though the quick death of "Ghost in the Shell" has probably put a damper on ScarJo's ability to open a movie huge, despite her attempts to distract us from it.)

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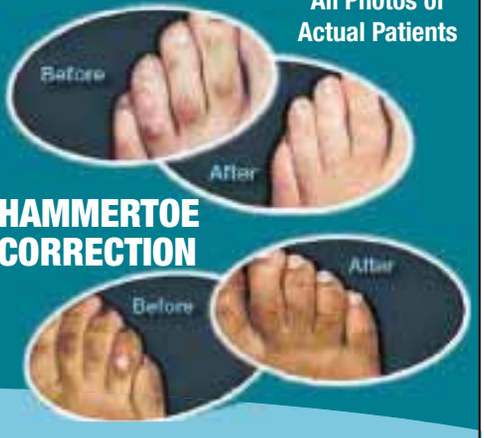

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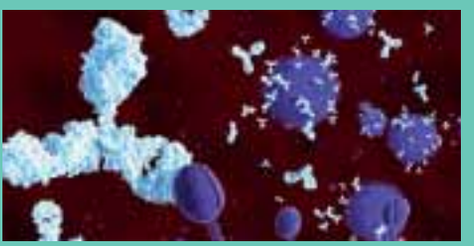

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Lyme disease: How to prepare this tick season

Tick season is upon us. Here's what you should know about Lyme disease. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Here's how to prevent contracting the tick-borne bacterial infection.

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As summer approaches, city folk tend to take advantage by getting out in nature — hiking, camping and more. But warmer weather also means it's tick season — typically, May through July is when they're most active — and if you're going to be in wooded and grassy areas, it's important to know the risk of tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease.

Location matters: In 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 95 percent of cases of Lyme disease came from 14 states, located in the Northeast (including the tristate area and New England) and the Midwest. The black legged tick, also known as the deer tick, is the common carrier in these regions.

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Dr. David Shih, chief medical officer of CityMD, talks us through how to be prepared and how to prevent contracting Lyme disease this tick season.

What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by a bite from a black-legged tick. The CDC estimates that 300,000 people are infected yearly in the United States. Typically, the tick has to be attached for 36-48 hours before it can transmit the infection.

Preventive methods

Stay out of nature and hang in the city, where black legged ticks aren't commonly found. If you are going to venture into rural, wooded areas, wear long sleeves and long pants to help prevent contact. You can apply sprays on your skin and your clothing; Shih recommends repellent containing DEET (carried by brands Sawyer, Repel, Nix, etc.).

In the Northeast, the black-legged tick, or deer tick, is the common carrier of Lyme disease.

You'll want to do a thorough tick check after you've been in outdoor areas — examining your body (especially hidden area, like the groin, armpit, back of legs, scalp) and your gear, like shoes and bags. Putting your clothes in the dryer for 10 minutes on high heat should kill the ticks. You should check your pets too, although the common tick you'd find on your dog, called a dog tick, doesn't carry Lyme.

Signs of Lyme disease

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things to know before you panic. In order for a tick to transmit Lyme disease to you, it needs to be attached to you for at least 36 hours, and to be engorged with blood, Shih explains. "If it's not engorged, the chances are one in a hundred, maybe lower," he says. If you do find an engorged tick on you, or suspect that you came into contact with a Lyme-carrying tick, you have a 36-to-72-hour window in which to seek treatment at an urgent care center, where you can take a one time prophylactic dose of the antibiotic doxycycline, which reduces chances of contraction.

If you have a tick on you, you can have your physician remove it and test it to see if it carries Lyme. You can remove it yourself, although that can be tricky and many people do it wrong, "The general instinct is to rush, get this thing off me. When patients come in and give me this mushy tick, I can't identify it, and it's a harder investigation," he says. If you can get to urgent care within 72 hours, then it's better not to touch it.

Lyme disease symptoms

Symptoms occur within in three to 30 days after infection. Flulike symptoms such as fever, headache and muscle aches, are common. The erythema migrans rash, which appears as a red bull's eye at the site of the bite (although it may appear at other parts of the body), occurs in 70 to 80 percent of infected cases, according to the CDC.

Lyme disease treatments

If you're exhibiting these symptoms and it's plausible that you've been exposed to the disease, a physician will typically begin treatment, which consists of a two-four week course of antibiotics, Shih says. Clinicians can also use a blood test to aid in diagnosis. If symptoms don't improve after the antibiotics, treatment varies depending on severity.

Is Lyme disease curable?

Many patients will see symptoms go away after antibiotics, while other still experience lingering afflictions. What we call "chronic Lyme disease" is properly known as post treatment Lyme disease syndrome. Because the symptoms of Lyme disease mimic those of other infections — it's often called "The Great Imitator" — like the flu, some go undiagnosed, and over time, that can result in neurological and cardiac problems, says Shih.

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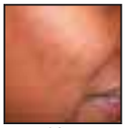

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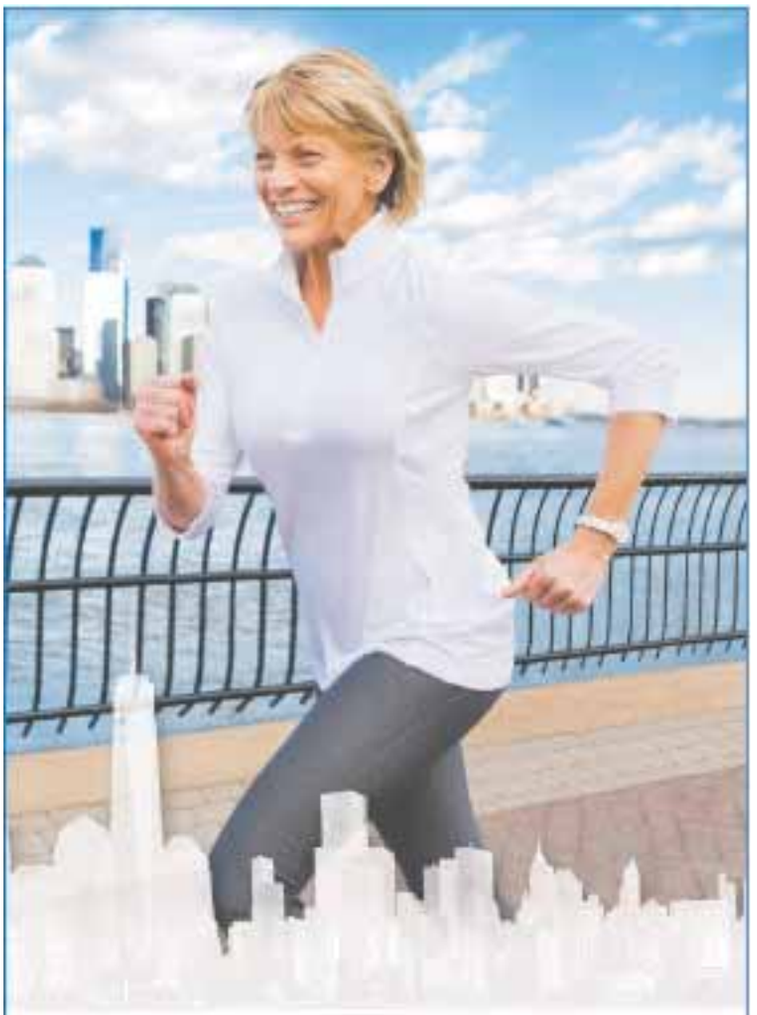

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Fortune favors the home team

The Rangers look to force Game 7 on Tuesday night at MSG where they've dominated this series.

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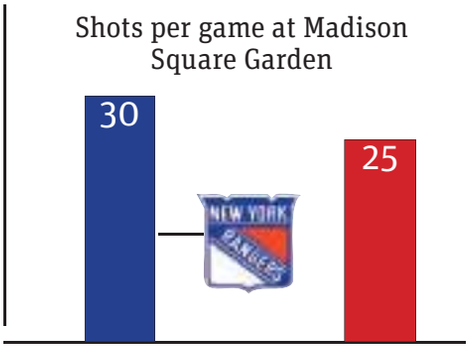
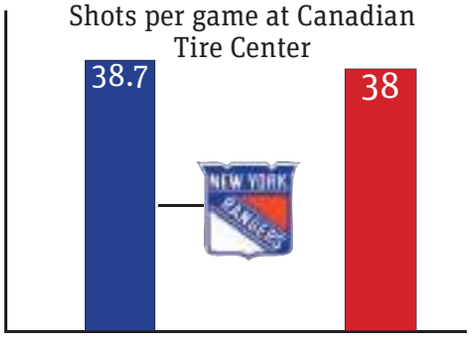
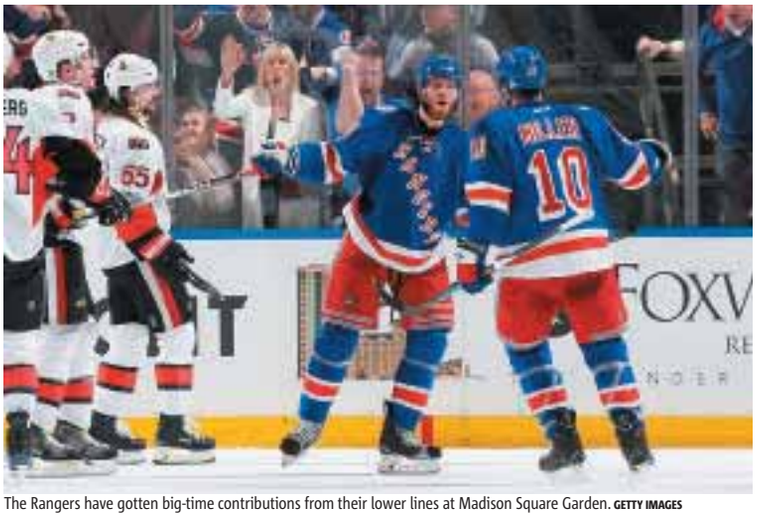
It's do-or-die time for the Rangers, who trail the Senators 3-2 in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

For a second-straight time in Ottawa, the Rangers blew a lead late on Saturday and went on to lose in overtime. They face elimination in Game 6 (7:30 p.m., NBCSN) tonight.

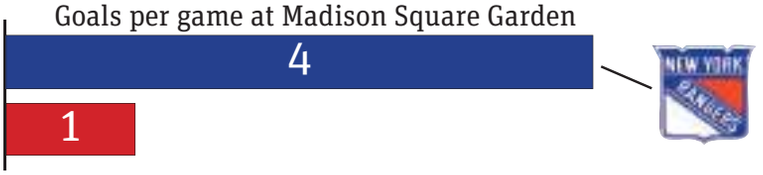
Luckily for them, they return home to Madison Square Garden, which has been a house of horrors for the Senators. It makes New York's chances of forcing a Game 7 look much better.

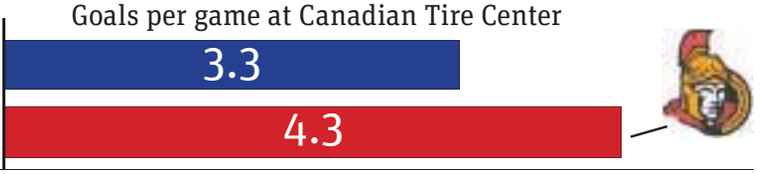






The Rangers have gotten big-time contributions from their lower lines at Madison Square Garden. GETTY IMAGES





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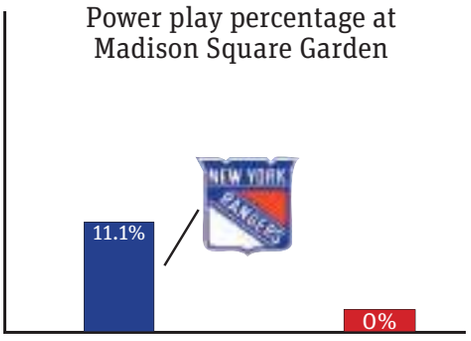

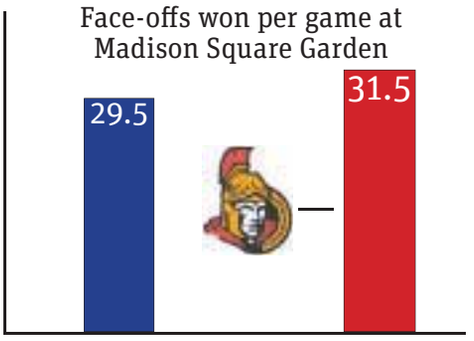

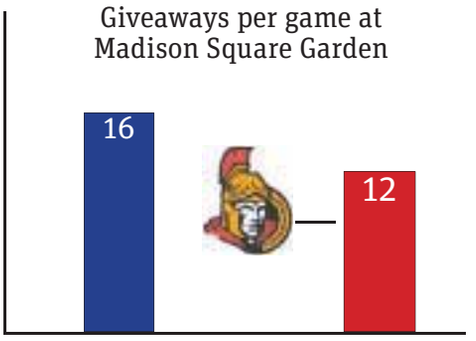

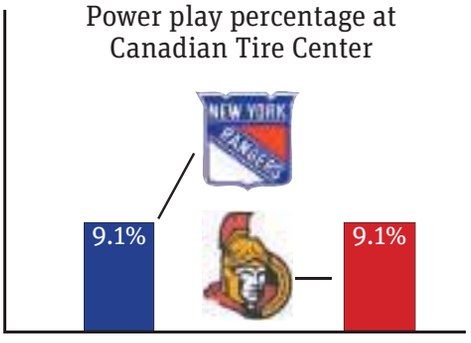

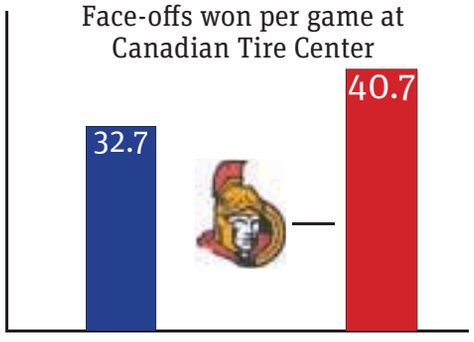

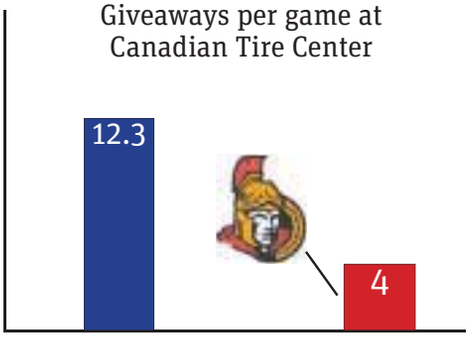

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The Dark Knight has become the Joker

It might be time for the Mets to consider trading Matt Harvey.

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Gotham's Dark Knight has become its Joker with the recent happenings involving New York Mets pitcher Matt Harvey.

On Sunday, the controversial star was suspended three games without pay for violating team rules.

Of course, the hammer came down on his day to start against the Miami Marlins, forcing the Mets to go with Adam Wilk, who was hammered in a 7-0 loss.

Word came out that Harvey had played golf on Saturday and went home instead of going to Citi Field because of a headache, prompting the suspension.

He reportedly told the team that he wasn't feeling well and would not come to the ballpark, which is why it's likely that he will file a grievance, per FanRag Sports' Jon Heyman.

It's just the latest issue in a long line of questionable moves involving the pitcher that has frayed his relationship with the team.

Whether it was showing up at Yankee Stadium for Derek Jeter's final home game in 2014 or the ongoing saga in 2015 that was his innings limit after Tommy John surgery that prompted Harvey's agent Scott Boras to make matters worse, the off-field issues have far outweighed the on-field success.

In five years with the Mets, he is 31-30 with a 3.08 ERA. Yes, he and his fellow Mets starters haven't received solid run support throughout the years, but his inability to stay healthy — or consistent, or win the big game — makes all this trouble seem not worth it.

Harvey is a free agent in 2018 and it's something that has been looming over Mets fans' heads for the past few seasons.

Matt Harvey's ongoing issues have been detrimental to the Mets over the past five years. GETTY IMAGES

But his unreliability and recent struggles on the mound has made him look like damaged goods. Sure, the promise is still there and he should have plenty left in the tank, but what team is going to take a chance and offer him big money in 2018?

I don't think the Mets should be one of them.

If this relationship cannot be repaired, there is little to no chance that he would re-sign with the team.

I would start floating his name out there now and make sure to get something for him before he walks.

Once the team is healthy (which is a big if), the Mets will have solid pitching with Noah Syndergaard, Jacob deGrom, Steven Matz and Zack Wheeler. That goes without saying.

Look for one more bat on the trade market that can hit for average and provide a high on-base percentage. It's something New York does not have right now and must get in order to turn things around in the coming years.

Although, top prospect Amed Rosario could very well be that savior when he is ready to make the jump to the majors. But it doesn't hurt to have more than one guy who can get on base and set the table for the big bats.

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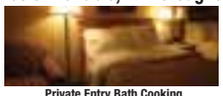

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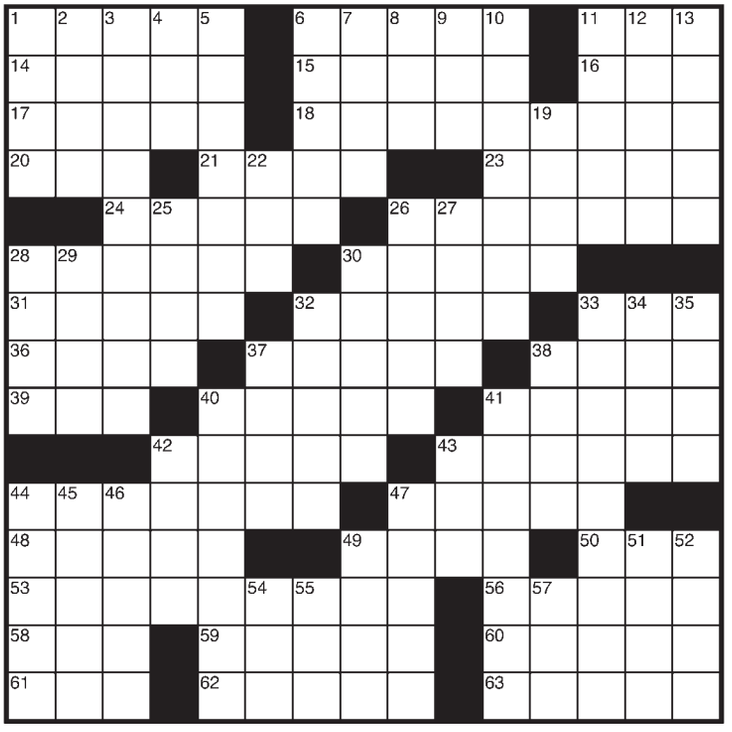

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Aries When dealing with personal relationships, don't hold back. Share your feelings and be open about what you want to see happen.

Taurus The more you do, the better you will feel about taking on bigger and better opportunities. Strive to improve things instead of just maintaining them.

Gemini Personal progress is encouraged. Don't trust what others say or do. Make physical and personal alterations that you feel are the right way to go.

Cancer Approach your responsibilities with pride. Make an appointment or lunch date with someone who can offer you a diverse way to use your skills.

Leo An unorthodox investment will grab your attention. Consider the consequences. It isn't likely to pan out well for you due to someone's misrepresentation.

Virgo Deal with partnership concerns. Don't look for an obvious solution. Try something new that will capture the attention of the person you are trying to persuade.

Libra Consider the recent circumstances that have unfolded. Having a good understanding of what has transpired will make it easier to find a workable solution.

Scorpio Taking a creative approach to life, love and the search for happiness is encouraged. Making changes that better suit your current situation should be considered.

Sagittarius Helping someone in need is a nice gesture, but don't take control. Your honest opinion and suggestions will be sufficient. Leave time to explore your interests.

Capricorn An emotional situation will leave you feeling uncertain and confused. Take a step back and go over all the details of what's transpired before you make a move.

Aquarius Don't invest in something prematurely. An emotional issue concerning a loved one will lead to an unusual request or unexpected gift or promise.

Pisces Take care of pending legal issues so that you can get on with projects you want to pursue. An agreement will encourage you to take on more responsibilities. EUGENIA LAST

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